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Re: Application of Masayuki MACHIDA, Keietsu ABE, Katsuya GOMI, Kiyoshi ASAI, Matoaki SANO, Taishin KIN, Hideki NAGASAKI, Akira HOSOYAMA, Osamu AKITA, Naotake OGASAWARA, Satoru KUHARA, Chikara TOKUNAGA, Itaru TODA, Chiaki SAITOH and Akihiro SENOH
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Dear Sir:

The following documents and fees are submitted herewith in connection with the above application for the purpose of entering the National stage under 35 U.S.C. §371 and in accordance with the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

- ☒ an English translation of the International Application.
- ☒ a Preliminary Amendment.

It is assumed that copies of the International Application, the International Search Report and cited references, the International Preliminary Examination Report, and any Articles 19 and 34 amendments as required by §371(c) will be supplied directly by the International Bureau, but if further copies are needed, the undersigned will undertake to provide them upon request.

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Total claims	<u>39</u>	-	20	=	<u>19</u>	x	\$18.00	=	<u>\$342.00</u>
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